

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office action, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC § 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to an article with a cobalt-phosphorous-boron coating.
- II. Claims 13-44, drawn to a bath and method of plating cobalt-phosphorous-boron coatings.

**Election/Restrictions**

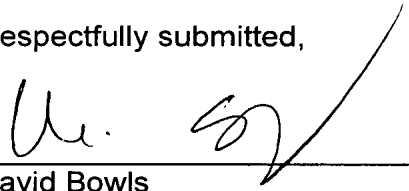
Applicants provisionally elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 13-44, without prejudice to further prosecution of the remaining claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

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